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SUBJ:SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER KHALID CALLS ON DEPUTY
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER

1. SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID CALLED ON
DEPUTY SECRETARY WARREN CHRISTOPHER ON APRIL 5. THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY BEGAN THE CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING
PLEASURE AT THE TREND OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE SUDAN.
HE NOTED THAT WHILE THE POLICY STUDIES OF THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION ENTAILED SOME DELAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER
OUGHT NOT TO INTERPRET SUCH DELAYS TO MEAN THE UNITED
STATES WAS NOT HAPPY WITH OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SUDAN.
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2. FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD NO DOUBT OF
THE TENOR OF OUR RELATIONS BUT NOTED THAT, GIVEN THE
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, TIME WAS OF THE
ESSENCE.

3. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE NEED TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT

SADAT OF EGYPT. BOTH THE EGYPTIANS AND THE SUDANESE HAD EARNED THE ENMITY OF THE USSR. IT WAS THE SOVIET AIM TO HARM SUDAN THROUGH ETHIOPIA, AND EGYPT THROUGH THE SUDAN. AS A RESULT, THE KHARTOUM GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORCED TO DIVERT MONEY FROM DEVELOPMENT TO DEFENSE.

4. THE SITUATION IN THE HORN, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, WAS AGGRAVATED BY ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS, BUT EVENTS HAD AT LEAST BROUGHT SOMALIA TO QUESTION ITS CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET UNION. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO MOGADISCIO AND ADEN HAD BEEN USEFUL. BOTH CAPITALS NOW NEEDED SOME SIGN FROM THE UNITED STATES TO WHICH THEY COULD RESPOND.

5. AT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S URGING, KHALID LISTED THE MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: THE ROAD BETWEEN KHARTOUM AND THE RED SEA, THE NILE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THE RAILROAD, AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

6. IN CLOSING, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT WHILE THE PRESIDENT WAS ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT ARMS TRANSFERS IN THE WORLD, SOME ARMS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE THE ARMS WERE PRIMARILY FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

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